

REMARKS

This Patent Application was filed on 05/21/2001 with claims 1-34. This current Preliminary Amendment cancels claims 19-32.

Hence, after entry of this current Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-18 and 33-34 will remain pending and be presented for initial examination.

It is noted for the record that claims 19-32 have been canceled without prejudice. Furthermore, Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims and the subject matters thereof in one or more continuing applications.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims 1-18 and 33-34 are allowable, and prompt action to that end is hereby requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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